(hydro-electric as well as thermal), township projects, water supply and sewage schemes, buildings, godowns, industrial projects, bridges, road works, runways etc. in the foreign countries of Iraq, Nepal and Bhutan and the states of Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Gujarat, Jammu & Kashmir, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Manipur, Orissa, Rajasthan, Sikkim, Tamil Nadu, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal and Union Territory of Delhi.

(e) and (f) it is for the National Projects Construction Corporation Ltd. to tender for and bag the works in foreign countries.

उड़ीसा की बहुउद्देशीय ऊपरी इन्द्रावती परियोजना

3006. **श्री बसन्त कुमार दास:** क्या जल संसाधन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या सरकार को यह जानकारी है कि उड़ीसा सरकार ने विश्व बैंक से वित्त पोषित बहुउद्देशीय ऊपरी इन्द्रावती परियोजना में पिछले वर्ष के दौरान हुई दुर्घटना के कारणों का पता लगाने के लिए एक आयोग का गठन किया था;

(ख) यदि हां, तो आयोग के निष्कर्ष क्या हैं; और

(ग) क्या सरकार का अयोग के प्रतिवेदन की एक प्रति सभा पटल पर रखने का विचार है?

जल संसाधन मंत्री (श्री विद्याचरण शुक्ल): (क) जी, हां। 28 जुलाई, 1991 को अपर इंद्रावती जल विद्युत परियोजना के हेडरेस सुरंग में जल भर जाने के परिणामस्वरूप उड़ीसा सरकार ने दुर्घटना के कारणों और उन दोषों तथा कमियों, जिनकी वजह से यह दुर्घटना हुई, का पता लगाने और किए जाने वाले निवारक उपायों का सुझाव देने के लिए विकास आयुक्त, उड़ीसा की अध्यक्षता में एक समिति का गठन किया था ताकि भविष्य में ऐसी दुर्घटनाओं से बचा जा सके।

(ख) समिति ने अपनी रिपोर्ट अक्तूबर, 1991 में राज्य सरकार को प्रस्तुत की थी जिसमें परियोजना प्रबंध को कॉफर बांध की विशिष्टियां तैयार करने और साथ ही साथ कार्य के सुरक्षा पहलुओं के संबंध में ठेकेदार के साथ संविदा शर्तें लागू करने में कमी पाई गई थी इसने भविष्य में ऐसी दुर्घटनाओं को रोकने के लिए प्रभावी संचार की आवश्यकता का सुझाव भी दिया था।

(ग) जी, नहीं।

Linking of Peninsular Rivers

3007. CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a group of social organisations in Tamil Nadu have recently demanded the linking of peninsular rivers to solve the problems of water, scarcity in the States; if so, the Government's reaction thereto; and

(b) whether there is any scheme under the Eighth Five Year Plan for such linkage between peninsular rivers, if so, the broad features and allocations and targets fixed therefor?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V.C. SHUKLA): (a) Yes, Sir. A delegation comprising representatives from People's Power Movement (Makkal Sakthi Eyakkam), Tamilagha Vivasayeegal Sangam and Lower Bhawani Agriculturist Association submitted a memorandum in September 1992 for linking up of Peninsular rivers and diversion of west flowing rivers towards east to benefit water short areas to Tamil Nadu.

A National Perspective for Water Resources Development prepared by the Government envisages inter-linkages between the major rivers of the Peninsular region and between the Himalayan rivers separately for transfer of water from water rich basin to water deficit basin, for optimum utilisation of water resources. The National Water Development Agency (NWDA) under the Ministry of Water Resources has

been entrusted the work of firming up these proposals.

(b) a total of 17 water transfer links under Peninsular component have been identified by N.W.D.A. While office studies of 9 links under Peninsular component have been completed, studies of balance links have been included in the VIII Plan. Also field investigations of 9 links have been included in the VIII Plan programme of the Agency. Final figures of benefits and estimate of cost depend on formulation of a detailed project report as agreed to by basin States. Also allocation of funds and schedule of completion depends on consensus and formal agreement among the basin States for execution of any link proposal.

Request for lowering the height of Narmada Sagar Project

3008. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have lately received a representation from the Leader of Opposition in Madhya Pradesh Legislative Assembly, urging for lowering of the height of the Narmada Dam, to save a big chunk of land in Madhya Pradesh from inundation and to save a large number of rural population in the area from displacement;

(b) if so, what are the main demands made therein; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI V.C. SHUKLA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Financial Assistance to Artifical Limb Centre, Bangalore

3009. CHOUDHARY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that amputees can now get artificial limb fitted free of cost at the Artificial Limb Centre, a charitable organisation situated at Doddanekundi, Bangalore;

(b) if so, what are the exact number of amputees throughout the country who could be benefited by this;

(c) whether Government propose to meet the increasing needs of these unfortunate people in the country; and

(d) if so, whether Government propose to come forward with financial assistance to this organisation?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI SITARAM KESRI): (a) Yes Sir. Angakarunya Kendra an Artificial Limb Centre, located at Doddanekundi, near White Fields, Bangalore, is a Charitable organisation which has been providing artificial limbs and calipers since 1987 to disabled persons. The organisation provides this assistance free of cost.

(b) The organisation has a capacity to fit 50 artificial limbs/calipers per month. So far, since its establishment in 1987, it has provided artificial limbs to 870 persons and calipers to 194 persons.

(c) and (d): Yes Sir. Angakarunya—an Artificial Limb Centre in Bangalore, has so far not applied for assistance either to the State Government of Karnataka or to the Government of India. The case for providing financial assistance to this organisation can be considered if the organisation applies for assistance under the scheme for assistance to Disabled Persons for Purchase/Fitting of Aids/Appliances, as per the guidelines of the above Scheme through the State Government of Karnataka. So far, the organisation has been receiving assistance from Helpage India. The Edgeworth Trust and other corporate Bodies & individuals.